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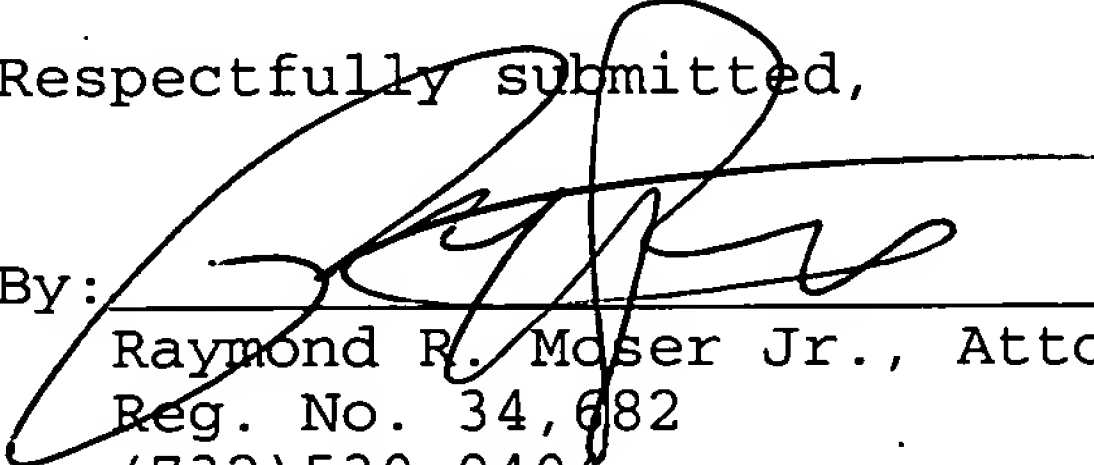
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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the documents (copy enclosed) listed on form PTO-1449, submitted herewith, is disclosed. The applicants believe that the subject matter disclosed in the enclosed conference abstract is related to the above-referenced application. The applicants believe that the conference was held during October 17-22, 1999, but are not aware of the abstract being published prior to the conference date.

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